

APPENDIX

neck

neck (n k) *noun*

1. The part of the body joining the head to the shoulders or trunk.
2. The part of a garment around or near the neck.
3. *Anatomy.* a. A narrow or constricted part of a structure, as of a bone or an organ, that joins its parts; a cervix. b. The part of a tooth between the crown and the root.
4. A relatively narrow elongation, projection, or connecting part: *a neck of land; the neck of a flask.*
5. *Music.* The narrow part along which the strings of an instrument extend to the pegs.
6. *Geology.* Solidified lava filling the vent of an extinct volcano.
7. The siphon of a bivalve mollusk, such as a clam.
8. A narrow margin: *won by a neck.*

verb

necked, neck-ing, necks *verb, intransitive*

Informal.

To kiss and caress amorously.

verb, transitive

To strangle or decapitate (a fowl).

[Middle English *nekke*, from Old English *hnecca*.]

— **neck less** *adjective*

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